

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-27 and 29 are pending in this application, Claim 28 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claims 11-27 and 29 were indicated as allowed and Claim 18 was indicated as allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, and in order to obtain early issuance of a patent from the present application, Claim 28 has been cancelled. Accordingly, only claims including allowable subject matter remain pending, and no further issues are believed to be outstanding.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, and in light of the above discussion, the pending claims as presented herewith are believed to be in condition for formal allowance, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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